

its publication in the Transactions. The subject was referred to the Publication Committee.

The minutes of the last meeting of the Board of Officers and Council were read.

Pending nominations Nos. 969 to 976 were read and the meeting was adjourned.

Stated Meeting, Dec. 1, 1882.

Present, 11 members.

President, Mr. FRALEY, in the Chair.

A letter accepting membership was received from Prof. Hermann Kopp, dated Heidelberg, Nov. 7, 1882.

A letter of envoy was received from the Museum of Comparative Zoölogy, Cambridge, Mass.

A letter of acknowledgment (XIV, 2; 62, 97), and envoy was received from the Société de Géographie, dated 184 Boulevard, St. Germain, Paris, Nov. 13, 1882.

A letter requesting exchange of publications was received from the U. S. Naval Institute, Annapolis, Md., Nov. 21, 1882. On motion, it was resolved that the U. S. N. Institute be placed on the list of corresponding societies to receive the Proceedings.

Donations for the Library were received from the Department of Mining, Melbourne; Royal Museum of Natural History, Bruxelles; Revista Euskara; London Nature; Canadian Naturalist; Museum of Comparative Zoölogy; Meteorological Observatory of New York; Franklin Institute; Prof. E. D. Cope; American Chemical Journal; U. S. Naval Institute; U. S. National Museum and the Light House Board, Washington.

The death of Prof. Henry Draper at New York, November 20, aged 45, was announced. On motion, Professor Barker

was requested to prepare a minute of Professor Draper's death for the Proceedings of the Society.

Mr. Lesley made some remarks on the Egyptian character of certain Hebrew names :

Mr. Lesley first described the history of the *user*, or Jackal-headed staff, representing victory, from its first appearance in the 4th to its habitual use in the 12th and 19th dynasties, in royal names : especially remarking on the form *User-n-ra* of the 5th dynasty. This name corresponds to the Hebrew name *Israel*, spelled *ISR'AL*, which an Egyptian would express by the hieroglyphic *USR'RA*. The origin of the personal name is given in the well known Scripture legend of Jacob wrestling with and prevailing over a mysterious visitor, in the night preceding his momentous interview with his brother Esau. This name, *Esau* (עֵשָׂו, *òsu*), Mr. Lesley identified with the Edomite *Shasu*, who successfully invaded Egypt at the beginning of the 19th dynasty, but were the principal foreign enemies of Egypt on the east for some centuries earlier.

The Publication Committee reported that they had resolved that Commodore McCaulay's Egyptian Vocabulary be placed in the hands of the lithographer, to be printed as soon as practicable.

The annual report of the Treasurer was read.

Mr. Phillips, for the Special Committee appointed to examine the documents belonging to the Society, reported the following results of the investigations of that Committee :

1st. An Ordinance of Gov. John Evans creating Court of Equity, and giving certain powers to Courts of Common Pleas to hold special Courts to aid persons about to leave Commonwealth, of date Feb. 22, 1706.

No. 2. Letter of Attorney by William Penn, appointing Thos. Loyd his attorney, and memorandum in Penn's handwriting on back, dated June 6, 1684.

No. 3. Assignment of Mortgage, by Thomas and Richard Penn, dated Oct. 2, 1765.

No. 4. Charter of Chester signed by William Penn, dated Oct. 31, 1701.

No. 5. Charter of Privileges by Wm. Penn to Penna. 31st, 8 mo. 1701.

It is recommended by your Committee that the above valuable original papers be placed in the vaults of the Fidelity Insurance Company, with other property there, to be endorsed "Original Penn Papers."

No. 6. Printed report of order of business as settled by order of 1841.

It is recommended that all except two copies be destroyed, the others preserved by the Librarian.

No. 7. Geological treatise in German with plates. It is recommended that they be bound and placed in Library.

- No. 8.* Distribution Book of Proceedings of American Philosophical Society. Recommended to be placed in Library.
- No. 9.* Communication from Mr. Duponceau with regard to History of the Society of 1841. Recommended that they be bound and placed in Library.
- No. 10.* Map of New Sweden. To be mounted.
- No. 11.* Plan for unknown of buildings. To be placed in Library.
- No. 12.* Duponceau manuscripts on international law. To be bound and placed in Library.
- No. 13.* Deed by John Fitch, Feb. 9, 1787, and others creating Steam-boat Company. To be placed in vaults.
- No. 14.* 1769 Commission of Thomas Penn. Richard Penn to Edward Physick, appointing him Keeper of Great Seal. To be placed in vaults.
- No. 15.* Manuscripts relating to the Centennial of Society in 1841, also certain communications, &c. If these have not been printed to be bound.
- No. 16.* Subscription book to relieve the Society from Indebtedness of date of Jan., 1846. It is recommended to be placed in archives of Society.
- No. 17.* *a.* Two bank books of 1831 and 1849.
b. Lists of 1826, 1831, 1842 and 1846.
c. Four minutes of committees to be consolidated.
d. Stub of check book.
e. An account of Treasurer, old receipts of books from Library.
f. Lot of old account books.
 It is recommended that the above be boxed up and placed in the Library.
- No. 18.* Package of letters of Peter Collinson to various persons. These, if possible, to be repaired and bound, and for the present to be in the Safe Deposit.
- No. 19.* Copy of Definite treaty between Great Britain and United States, A. D. 1783. To be bound.
- No. 20.* Copy of proclamation giving prices for scalps. To be mounted.
- No. 21.* Letters to and from Benjamin Franklin. To be bound and indexed.
- No. 22.* Lot of old Diplomas not delivered. To be sent to lineal descendants if found.
- No. 23.* Lot of receipts taken by Franklin in France for advances. To be bound.
- No. 24.* Invitation to Dr. Franklin to attend a Masonic Lodge des Neuf Soeurs supper, signed by De Gebelin. To be bound.

- No. 25.* Printed invitations and notices to Benjamin Franklin when in France. To be bound.
- No. 26.* Correspondence of Benj. Franklin. To be bound.
- No. 27.* Various old shop cards to be mounted in scrap book.
- No. 28.* Sundry printed papers relating to Revolution. To be bound.
- No. 29.* Letter of Benj. Franklin with regard to non-importation agreement of 1770 to Humphrey Marshall. To be placed with Franklin papers.
- No. 30.* Letters with regard to pictures of Franklin.
- No. 31.* Old Catalogue of Donations. To be preserved.
- No. 32.* Certificates of membership in Sons of St. George of John Vaughn. To be given to relatives.
- No. 33.* Certain Bank notes of John Law's Bank to be placed in a scrap book.
- No. 34.* Certain memorandums of Heckwelder with regard to Indians. To be preserved.
- No. 35.* Accounts of prices with regard to building of Hall of Society. To be bound if possible.
- No. 36.* Accounts with regard to Society. To be bound.
- No. 37.* Letters and Accounts with regard to Society. To be bound.
- No. 38.* Communications from Lymes with regard to the hollowness of the earth. To be bound.
- No. 39.* A variety of old vouchers, manuscript catalogue and Treasurer's Accounts. To be boxed up.

On motion, the recommendations of the Committee were adopted, and the Committee empowered to carry their recommendations into effect.

After an informal interchange of views respecting the practicability of proceeding with the printing of the last part of the Catalogue, and of commencing the printing of the early records of the Society, the meeting was adjourned.